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ENLARGEMENT AND DELIVERANCE

The Wonderful Days of Prophecy Are Stealing Upon The World.

THE LATTER RAINS TO RIPEN THE GRAIN ARE FALLING.

There are many things to brighten the lives of the saints of God, even in the midst of gloom and sorrow. No years have been so gloomy but there have been seasons of brightness. No lives have been so sad but they have had their moments of cheer.

In the days of Ahasuerus who was king over one hundred and twenty-seven provinces there was cause for much gloom among the Jews when the decree went forth that they should all be destroyed. The history which gives account of that time shows that the burden of the trouble fell upon one lone man by the name of Mordecai. He was so troubled when he heard of the decree that he "rent his clothes, and put on sack-cloth with ashes, and went out into the midst of the city, and cried with a loud and bitter cry." (Esther 4:1.) From that time the gloom began to fall upon all of the Jews so that "in every province, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, and fasting, and weeping and wailing; and many lay in sack-cloth and ashes."

Mordecai's cousin was queen at the time and Mordecai tried to persuade her to go before the king and try to get the decree reversed, but she was afraid to do it because she feared the king. After some little time of waiting Mordecai waxed bolder in his arguments and evidently his faith in God increased so that he finally said, "For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place."

Enlargement and deliverance. This man of faith saw deliverance and he also seemed to know that in order to get deliverance there must be enlargement. The Jews were in captivity, hated and despised. They were scattered throughout the one hundred and twenty-seven provinces so that they could hardly be collected together to fight for their rights. But hastily looking beyond the human he saw them enlarging their capacity and ability, and through this enlargement would come deliverance. He could not see just how it would come, neither did he know the source, but he became bold enough to declare that it would come.

Mordecai was giving his cousin the opportunity of becoming a heroine if she would only venture in before the king and plead for her people. One strong argument that no doubt helped to move her to action was this, "Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" But if she failed enlargement and deliverance will come from another place. The Jews should not and would not perish. Deliverance must come from some place.

Another strong argument that was made was that if she failed now at this particular time, she and her "father's house shall be destroyed." If she would not do her duty and stand between the king and her people when she had the opportunity, she would go down, and enlargement and deliverance would come from another place. Some one else

would get the honor while she fell into dishonor and shame.

Mordecai was full of faith. He was sure of success, but it would take enlargement to get it. He could not do the work and bring deliverance. Others could not do it. There must be enlargement. If he was to be used he would have his capacity enlarged. If others were to be used in the deliverance they would have to be enlarged. But no matter who, what or where, the enlargement and deliverance must come.

Mordecai was not defeated in his prediction. Deliverance came, but not without enlargement. There was such enlargement that it was said, "Many of the people of the land became Jews; for the Jews fell upon them." The Jews were enlarged because the king showed them favor and stood by them in their afflictions until they gained the victory over their enemies. Many of the people of the land cast their lot with them and became Jews, thus greatly increasing their number.

Like Mordecai and the Jews the Church of God has been enlarged. She has obtained the favor of the king. Many of the people of the land are flocking to her for safety. Fear is falling on the people of the land as our people demonstrate the power of God. This sounds like Pentecostal days when fear came upon every soul. Truly the fear of the Church of God is falling upon the people of the land. When they see the miraculous handling of fire by our people they stand and look on with amazement. When the gifts of healings and other gifts are demonstrated a thrill of fear runs through their entire being.

The enlargement and deliverance is coming. Isaiah saw it twenty-seven hundred years ago and wrote about it thus: "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes, for thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left." Spread out both ways. Borders enlarged, and more opposition to meet, but strength will be given to bring deliverance.

The wonderful days of prophecy are stealing upon the world. There are many things yet in the future, but we are kept busy and wonderfully interested in watching the fulfillment of many of the prophecies now. The enlargement is coming, and coming rapidly. "A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I the Lord will hasten it in his time." And it seems like His time has come, for God is thrusting the "eleventh hour laborers" out into His harvest and great and wonderful things are being accomplished by them.

In the Church of God are many little men and women that the world has never heard of, making their way to the front in carrying the last gospel message to the lost world. Many of these are humble, unassuming, unattractive, unknown, but when they become enlarged by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost they often become eloquent,

powerful and oratorical in their delivery so that people are held spell bound and amazed for an hour or more at a time.

Enlargement has come. A little one has become a thousand. The hungry world would rather listen to a little man that is full of the Holy Ghost and fire than a thousand men with capital letters attached to their names who do not have this wonderful experience. A little man that is so filled with God that he can take up serpents and handle fire, talk in tongues and heal the sick is worth more for the salvation of the lost of earth than a thousand that are not possessed with this power.

Both enlargement and deliverance are promised the saints of God. The enlargement comes first, afterward the deliverance. The enlargement is showing now, and the deliverance will come later, but it will surely come.

The latter rains to ripen the grain are falling. These great rains are now falling upon the Church of God and many of the saints are ripe and ready to go. They enjoy the rustle of the breezes, but they are ready to go. They will suffer any kind of persecutions and tortures, but will not deny their Lord. One of our brothers has been whipped and abused, and was almost frozen during the cold weather, but he still holds on to God and shouts the victory.

My dear friends, strong persecutions await us, but God is enlarging and preparing us for them. Deep spirituality is taking hold of our people. They are groaning after God and His power. He is giving them the desire of their hearts.

It looks like the wrong time for enlargement when the pressure is getting stronger and stronger all the time. From a natural point of view it would seem more in order to shrivel up and become smaller and hide away, but the supernatural says, "Be ye also enlarged." In the time of trouble is the time for us to look for enlargement, when "a little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation."

The more the apostles were persecuted the more they were enlarged. The more they were beaten, imprisoned and abused the more the Word of God spread abroad. The more the government officials tried to stop it the more it spread. When the disciples, many of them, were driven away from Jerusalem they went everywhere preaching the gospel as they went, and the little despised ones were made thousands. The more they were persecuted the more the people were added to them. They were added to the church daily.

It would seem out of order to look for enlargement now when there is such a cry for economy and saving, but the Church of God cannot be held down. It has to grow and spread to fulfill prophecy. And now is the time for this and people are seeing it.

It would seem out of order for the Church of God Evangel to be enlarged just now when the price of paper is advancing and thick gloom gathering everywhere, but it seemed we could hold it down no longer. It has been stated that many papers were forced out of print because of the paper famine and high prices of paper a few months ago. But here comes the Evangel this week with a new dress on and larger than it ever has been as if there was no trouble in the world and no prospect of gloom and in spite of high prices of

paper. What do you think about it?

Another thing that is almost incredible, and worthy of some attention is that the subscription price of the Evangel is not increased. Many papers have increased their subscription price to meet the high prices of paper and printing material, but the Evangel goes quietly on and makes her trips regularly every week as if there were no high prices. God is making this possible in answer to prayer.

We are not doing this because we have received some large donations, or because we are able financially, but we feel the time has come for enlargement, and the ability to do so has come in answer to prayer, and this ability is a venture of faith. But it is now time for enlargement for the Church of God on all lines, and of course the Evangel must not be behind.

Haman had determined to destroy Mordecai, but when enlargement came to Mordecai, Haman was put to the worst and hanged on the gallows he had prepared for Mordecai, and Mordecai was exalted to a high position in the kingdom. The more Haman harassed Mordecai the larger he grew—the more he was honored by the king. Mordecai is a good representation of the Church, the more she is harassed the more she grows.

While the prophecies are being fulfilled and the "latter rain" is falling to ripen the grain, every individual should seek to be enlarged in spirituality. No one should drone along now. Time is too precious, and the end is too near to idle away the time in something that is useless and be of no value in this time for enlargement.

We now need great big balloon souls on fire for God working for the spread of the Gospel to the ends of the earth. The people will learn righteousness when the judgments are on the earth says the prophet, and we must push on and give them a chance. The Psalmist says, "Thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress." The prophet says, "Thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged."

Now is the time for enlargement, and deliverance will come as a result of the enlargement.

Lyra, Texas.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

As far as I know this was the first place in Texas in which the Church of God was established, and at this present time we are lifting high the Bible standard in the face of every foe. Praise God!

The Lord first permitted Brother Brounayer to come here with the light of this gospel and signs and wonders were done by the mighty power of God. Praise God for His goodness and mercy to us! The church was set in order and honest-hearted people came into it.

After a while we were allowed to have a pastor—Brother Bryans. He has proved himself since he has been here and the work is progressing.

Brother T. S. Payne came and preached a few sermons which we enjoyed very much. We would have been glad to have kept him longer but not our will but the Father's be done. Praise God!

I love the Evangel and its writers. We love everybody and especially the saints of God. God is love and if we have Him dwelling within we have love.

Thank God for His Word, for the teachers, evangelists and pas-

SOME THINGS TO KNOW

Eleventh Hour Laborers Are Expected to Put in Good Time.

MUCH WORK YET TO BE DONE.

There are many things we want to know that we do not. There are some things necessary to know, but we may never know them unless we are told by someone that already knows.

Call attention to the greatness of the work before us in spreading this glorious gospel. Every man or woman that can do anything at all should be at work. Every public minister, whether man or woman, ought to give as much time as possible to the ministry.

On page 36 of the Assembly minutes section 7 reads as follows: "All ministers, bishops and evangelists, not engaged as overseers or in pastoral work are expected to do evangelistic work. In case there are any who are not thus engaged, they should furnish the overseer of the state in which they reside a written reason for their inability to perform their duty as ministers."

When this information is received by the overseer of the state or province it is his duty to give advice and lend his assistance any way possible to get these workers on the field. Time is too precious to have an active minister held down for want of support or encouragement. Some people have the faith and courage to leave home and trust God for support, and others do not. Those that do not are often as good workers, and as effective soul winners when they are out, as those who have more faith for temporal support.

I give the following bit of information as a means of illustrating this point and not with a spirit of boastfulness. I am supporting two men on the field now and they are both active and efficient workers and accomplishing much for the Lord and His Church, but they were unable to venture out to trust the Lord for the support of their families without some assistance. This, on my part is a venture of faith, and I do not support them from the home or foreign mission funds that come to this office, nor the

tors that He has given to perfect the saints and get us ready to meet the Lord in the air. Praise God!

Yours in Christ,
M. E. Drake.

Notice.

We are preparing for Evangelistic work this year and would be glad to hear from our friends in Tenn., Ala., and elsewhere.

Yours for God,
T. M. McClendon,
Dayton, Tenn.

Notice.

There will be services (D. V.) at Bethel Church near Melrose, Ga., beginning Wednesday night, March 27, continuing until Sunday night, March 31. On Sunday night we will observe the Lord's supper and wash the saints' feet. Everybody come and enjoy a feast of good things from the Lord.

Jim Aylor,
Pastor.

tithe of the tithes, but God gives me boldness for this and stands by me in it. They have no anxiety about their support. They only have to work for the Lord and win souls. I sometimes feel a boldness of faith taking hold of me that makes me feel like I could support a dozen more.

I wish to insist that every minister not in service regularly comply with the requirements of the Assembly and report their reasons to their respective overseers, and if the overseers are not able to lend the necessary assistance no doubt they will bring the matter to the General Overseer and something will be done to get all efficient workers on the field. There are too many calls for Church of God ministers for any to be spending their time in secular work to support their families.

Another matter to which I wish to call attention, is, that, all evangelists are required to report every three months to their respective overseers. This is shown in section 9 on page 36 of the Assembly minutes which reads: "The evangelists shall be required to report quarterly to the overseer of the state in which they work. This report should include meetings held, churches organized with number of members and name and address of clerks, souls saved, and any general good accomplished."

From information I have received I conclude this has not yet been put in practice by our evangelists, therefore I call upon every evangelist to prepare such report in accordance with the requirements of the Assembly and submit it to your respective overseers the first day of April 1918. Then keep it up regularly every quarter thereafter. Dividing the year into quarters it will require a report April first, July first, October first, January first.

These reports should not be forgotten or neglected. The intention of these reports is to inspire to more usefulness, to acquire information and in a general sense to conserve the great work of the Church.

Another bit of information may be necessary at this time. Call attention to section 12 on page 36 of Assembly minutes. This section reads, "No conference shall be held in the district except under the direction or supervision of the district pastor or overseer. This does not exclude the authority of the overseer of the state which is fully explained in minutes of previous Assemblies." The assistant pastors and deacons shall not hold conferences except authorized to do so by their overseers.

The object of all the above proceedings is for the conservation of the great work of God and the salvation of souls. Our time for work is so limited that we feel it will take the very best organized effort to accomplish what must be done. It will not do to work in a haphazard "easy go lucky" way any longer. We must use systematic methods so as to make "every edge cut." No time to "beat the air," and accomplish nothing. Pray God to give the needed wisdom, men and means, and let us all work together in perfect unity and God will give us the victory.

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We invite all the workers to send in reports of interest from the battle field. If nothing else a postal card telling where you are this week.

Help us make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing. Address all communications relating to the paper, and make all drafts, checks, express and postal orders payable to A. J. TOMLINSON, 2224 Gant street, Cleveland, Tenn.

You now see something special about the Evangel this week. Don't you?

If you find a subscription blank in your paper at any time, please use it for the purpose intended.

Great meeting reported at Parkersburg, West Va. The power is falling, people are receiving the Holy Ghost. Nine added to the Church.

We want our people to feel that the Evangel is "Our paper," and when they are representing it and soliciting subscriptions we trust they will speak of it in that way.

Many calls are coming in for Church of God preachers. What are we to do? None should be idle. That God will raise up more preachers and send them forth, for the harvest truly is white.

Sister Bertie Harrison of Sacramento, Cal. is gathering the poor children together and teaching them about Jesus. She hopes in this way to reach the older people soon with the gospel message.

We expect to have our new Sunday-school secretary book ready for use by the first of April. The price will be 50 cents and contains pages and arrangements for records for one year. Fill orders as soon as possible.

Council is called to meet at the Evangel Office on the fourth of April. There will be many important matters to consider, and the prayers of all are coveted, that God will give the needed wisdom and knowledge.

We have received quite a number of orders for Cruden's Concordance and Foxe's Book of Martyrs, for which we are thankful. We believe both of these books will be a blessing to our people. Price \$1.35 each.

The mail brought us two nice little boxes recently from E. O. Bradburn of Sunburst, N. C. One box contained butter and the other was packed with meat. We wish to express our thanks for this kindness. The Bible school students as well as the family enjoyed these little tokens of love from our friend.

We are preparing a Junior quarterly for the Sunday schools, and we expect to have it ready for the first of next quarter. The first issue may not be perfect, but we hope our people will order some of them and give them a trial. We will try to make improvement as rapidly as we can.

Now that the Evangel is en-

larged we trust its lovers and friends will feel more inspired to work for it. We will expect every one to do his best now, because it will require the combined efforts of all to make it "go" and meet the increased expenses. We hope to climb right up to the ten thousand mark in a very few weeks. This can easily be accomplished if all will work with a will and a determination to win.

If there are any Sunday-schools that have not yet ordered literature for next quarter they should do this at once. And if there are any churches that do not have Sunday schools already in progress they should order a supply of literature and organize at once and start in with the new quarter. We will also take pleasure in supplying other Sunday-schools with literature that are not under the control of the Church of God. Let us have your orders.

Evangelists Notice.

Read this carefully and do not misunderstand. We now have the new certificate forms ready and according to the ruling of the last Assembly it will be necessary for all the Evangelists to have their credentials renewed.

DO NOT STOP READING YET.

To avoid such a rush at the central office we will call them in by sections. Please do not send until your section is called. The first section will include all west of the Mississippi river.

Be it known to all Evangelists of the Church of God now laboring west of the Mississippi river, that on and after the fifth day of February 1918, your old credentials are declared null and void, and, therefore, you are hereby authorized to send your old credentials to the principle office at Cleveland, Tenn., to have them replaced with new ones that are good for 1918.

SECOND SECTION.

The State of Alabama:

Be it known to all Evangelists now laboring in the state of Alabama that on and after February 15 your old credentials are declared null and void and you are hereby authorized to send same to the head office at Cleveland, Tenn., for renewal.

THIRD SECTION.

La., Miss., and Georgia:

Be it known to all the Evangelists, now laboring in Louisiana, Mississippi and Georgia, that on and after February 25 your old credentials are declared null and void and you are hereby authorized to send same to the head office at Cleveland, Tenn., for renewal.

FOURTH SECTION.

Fla., N. C., S. C.

Be it known to all the Evangelists whose church membership is in Florida, North Carolina, and South Carolina, that on and after March 25, 1918, your old credentials are declared null and void, and you are hereby authorized to send same to the head office at Cleveland, Tenn., for renewal.

These four sections are all we will call in at this time. The balance in any state or territory will be good until called for. Please do not misunderstand and send in before your time.

Clara, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I thank God for a deep settled peace in my soul. I praise Him for His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, who shed His precious blood on dark Calvary's cross for me. Bless His precious name!

It is so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word. He has done so much for me. He healed me of heart trouble of many years standing, also of neuralgia and sore eyes. I was instantly healed. My little children have also been healed by God's mighty power.

We have a good little church here at Clara and I believe the

saints are climbing higher. I thank God for Brother Marks; he gives out the Word. It is food to my soul to sit and listen to him. There are many manifestations of the Spirit, shouting, dancing, talking in tongues, in terpretations, the sick healed, demons cast out, writing under the power, etc. Glory to God! Jesus is with us, hallelujah!

Your unworthy sister,
 P. J. Hightower.

Cascilla, Miss.

To the Saints Scattered Abroad:
 I have often desired to speak a word of praise through the little white winged messenger.

I am so glad I have victory in my soul. The Lord saved me at the age of thirteen years. I kept pressing on and He sanctified me about ten years ago. Soon after being sanctified I received the light on the baptism with the Holy Ghost and my heart longed for the experience for I had promised to walk in the light.

It seemed that everything came against me to hinder me in serving God as I wanted to. None of my people were in this way. But I had so longed to be filled with the Holy Ghost. I realized there was more in store for me.

One day I was sitting all alone when my husband came in saying, "I wish you had been with me today; Brother Whitehead preached and he said there is nothing to this doctrine about the Holy Ghost, that we received Him when we were sanctified." I was so hurt I said to myself: "I have tried so long and all is a failure, I will not try any more. I will keep what I have and seek no longer." But when I said this the burdens came rolling so fast I couldn't stay there, I had to still cry out to the Lord for more of Him.

My husband said: "Ella, you are good enough; I wouldn't worry about that." But that didn't satisfy my longing heart. I got to the place where, when I went to church, I would not hear the sermon, all because I saw the light and was not walking in it.

One day I went to service with that awful burden still on my heart and the Lord whispered to me: "My Spirit will not always strive with you." I went to the altar. This was the first of the meeting and I didn't get to go again until the last night, but I went that night with a determination to receive the baptism with the Holy Ghost and I did receive it and spoke with other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance.

I am still walking in the light and am a member of the Church of God. I ask an interest in your prayers in behalf of my husband and three sons.

Your sister in Christ,
 Ella Whitton.
 Ladonia, Texas.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God today for salvation and for a real Bible experience. I am praising Him for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost and fire with the Bible evidence of speaking in tongues. The same Comforter that I received almost three years ago abides today.

I have been associated with various Pentecostal movements, some of which denied sanctification as a second definite work of grace, and have been driven out of their Assemblies for standing for the cleansing blood of Jesus. Today they are divided and scattered with no power.

I was also associated with the Independent Pentecostal people who preached three definite experiences but who opposed water baptism and eating hog meat.

But when I heard of the Church of God my soul was filled with glory for I felt that at last I had found what my heart had longed for, and as soon as I heard it preached I saw it was the "one

fold" and Jesus the Shepherd. Glory! Today, I am a member, and I love her, there's no other, she was purchased by the Savior's blood. "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."—Eph. 5:25-27.

We are in a hard battle here but God is leading His true saints into His deep and hidden mysteries which have been hidden from the wise and prudent. At one time fire was seen in the top of the tabernacle which ascended upward. The mighty power of God has been manifested since with visions and revelations from the Lord.

We have the most spiritual Sunday school I have ever had the privilege of attending. We expect to have a Sunday school program Easter Sunday and we earnestly desire the prayers of all the saints that God may lead and His name be glorified. We would be glad to have representatives with us from each church in Texas.

We expect to begin our protracted meeting on this date (D. V.) and ask all the saints to pray that souls may be brought to God.

E. C. Scarbrough,
 Pastor.

THE DEBT PAID

A. J. MOCK

Divine healing is by the power of God through Christ Jesus our Lord, not by our own power, neither by our righteousness, but by the power of God for Jesus' sake because He gave His body on the cross to pay God for our healing.

When one was healed of leprosy under the Mosaic law, he was to pay God for his healing by bringing three lambs to the priest, one for a sin offering, one for a trespass offering, and the priest was to make atonement for him.—Lev. 14.

But God was not pleased with atonement made of lambs, so He sent His own Son to this world in the likeness of sinful flesh and when Jesus came to this world He spoke back to the Father in this manner: "Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me." And again, "Lo, I come to do thy will, O God." "He taketh away the first that he may establish the second." (Heb. 10.)

"Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows."—Isa. 53:4. Sorrow being interpreted is sickness. See Mat. 8:17. So he took our sickness upon Himself and bore it in His own body on the cross. See 1 Peter 2:24. Then the atonement, was made for our healing. Atonement being interpreted is "settlement." Jesus has paid God for our healing.

Eldorado, Ill.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I thank God this morning for His goodness to me in time of need. We have certainly had a test but we trusted the Lord through all and He stood by us. Bless His dear name!

Our baby had bold hives. He had been having convulsions all day, had turned black, the little finger nails were purple; we looked at our baby with broken hearts; it looked as if he were gone. We fell down on our knees crying out to God and He touched the little body. He went to sleep and had no more trouble. He is perfectly well. Praise the Lord!

I want the people to know what God will do for them if they will only trust Him. There are many who think they can trust God, but when the test comes they fail. Let us pray for the

weak in faith, for God is able to make them strong.

I praise the Lord for saving me from sin, for sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost with the speaking in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.

Your sister in Christ,
 Mellie Newton.

Camp Jackson, S. C.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am still standing true to God. I have the victory. The Lord is blessing and keep me. I do love the Lord and mean to go through by His help.

I do not know what I shall have to endure but I certainly do want to get to heaven. I have gone through many dark places, but Jesus just carried me through and brought me out on victory side. Praise God!

I may be sent to France soon. I can hardly bear the idea of going, but I do not know what is in store for me. I want the saints to pray for me. If they do take me across the ocean I want God to use me for His glory. Pray that God will carry me through.

I mean to stay true to God. Bless His name! I mean to hear Jesus say: "Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things I will make thee ruler over many. I want to be always watching and waiting for Jesus. I want to be one of the number that will go with Him.

We desire your prayers, for without God's help we are failures.

Your unworthy brother,
 Brooks Baker.

Parrish, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greetings in Jesus' Precious Name:

I know you are always glad to hear from the Parrish church. God has a few faithful ones here that love Him—some that came in a few years ago when you and Brother Mc Lain were here—who are still following on to know the Lord.

We have Sisters' Meeting every Tuesday and we are earnestly contending for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. Praise our God! Any one desiring prayer for healing, write us. Our God healed all that came to Him.

We have a nice Sunday school here.

Last Sunday night we had foot-washing and the Lord's supper. God wonderfully blessed us. Glory to His name!

Mrs. H. L. Gillett.

Cleveland, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to praise the Lord for the way He keeps me every day. I am so glad I ever learned to serve the true and living God. Oh, how I fear my God. I want to reverence and honor Him above everything else. I just want Jesus to lead me through this life, so I shall have a home awaiting me over yonder.

Please pray for me and for my family that we may live holy lives before our God.

Your sister in Christ,
 Clara F. Nipper.

Kimberly, Ala.

Dear Evangel Family:

I want to praise the Lord for His goodness to me. I'm so glad He ever showed me this precious way and helped me to accept it. Praise His matchless name!

I feel very unworthy of His goodness, and oh, how I do want to be true and go through with Jesus!

I want to ask the saints to pray that God will completely heal my body and help me to do His precious will.

Your sister in Christ,
 Julia Johnson.

TEARS.

L. H. JULLERAT

Have YOU ever shed any tears over this lost world? David said, "My tears have been my meat day and night." Jeremiah, the weeping prophet, said, "But if ye will not hear it, my soul shall weep in secret places for your pride, and mine eye shall weep sore, and run down with tears because the Lord's flock is carried away captive."

Jesus was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. One time His disciples started across the sea; He went up into the mountain to pray. He prayed all night on one occasion. Alone in the mountain solitude, the elements convulsed about Him, hour after hour He prays; strong cries and groans and many tears no doubt reveal the intensity of His sacred soul. O He loved this world!

Paul says, "Serving the Lord with all humility of mind and many tears" and again, "By the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears." What an example!

Some preachers can't stay with their flock for one year, especially if the "pay" is poor. Some don't want to leave because of big pay. God help the preachers! How they all need full salvation! The devil surely is after Holiness preachers! Pray for them!

Paul soaked his preaching in a strong solution of tears and souls were saved. In one of his letters he said, "For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote unto you with many tears ***** and I will very gladly spend and be spent for you though the more abundantly I love you the less I be loved." No doubt the pages of his letters were soaked with tears and the words blurred.

Again hear him say, "I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren." What love! What earnestness! He knew the world was lost! The great tragedy shook his giant soul! His life was a living sacrifice! He was not his own! The spirit of his Master possessed him! The burden of lost souls was on him!

How can God's people be so worldly minded, jest, talk foolishly, gossip and criticize each other when people all around are lost? O when God opens our vision as we get down in intercession the darkness seems so terrible, the loss so appalling, the need so pressing, until we wonder if we can ever eat or sleep again, be at ease, indifferent or criticize other folks! We then care not for the applause or criticism of men; how small they seem!

If people would stop arguing over petty notions and get this love so deep in their hearts until intercession possessed them, how many thousands would turn to God! When this prevailing prayer accompanied with many tears takes hold of more of us—when Zion TRAVAILS—(not travels, there are too many "globe trotters" now) she shall bring forth children.

The need of this crucial hour is not so many big preachers but a host of intercessors. May God grant us many in the Church of God! Will you be one? Are you denying yourself anything for Christ and lost souls? No one may know your work here below but your reward will be great in the age to come. LET US PRAY.

Ward, West Va.

Dear Evangel Readers:

I am trying to live humble at Jesus' feet. I want to meet my dear husband whom God has called away. My burden is heavy but Jesus will help me. I desire your prayers that I may be baptized with the blessed Holy Ghost.

Your sister,
 Eulah Crowder.

The War, Food Laws, Beast Etc.

SAM. C. PERRY.

We are living in momentous times. Things are coming that astonish the world. Twenty years ago we could scarce have believed it if one had told us. Multitudes who at that time thought nothing of such things are now enthused over the signs of the times and the prospects of the immediate appearing of the Lord to raise the dead in Christ and to catch away the faithful who shall be found living on earth at the time of His appearing.

The terms, beast, anti-christ, bride of Christ, tribulation, battle of Armageddon, mark of the beast, rapture, etc., etc., are familiar to many.

All the forces of earth and hell are being rallied to defend issues that are dear to themselves.

The Lord is preparing His bride for translation. Satan is also working for the advancement of the kingdom of darkness with a zeal never before known.

There are spiritual signs among the people of God, such as the outpouring of the Spirit, studying prophecy, healing of the body by faith, etc. There are signs in the sphere of Satan's operations, false doctrines, operation of evil spirits, theft, murder, wickedness in every walk of life on the increase, and there are signs in the material world on an enormous scale, such as war, rumors of war, earthquakes, famines, awful diseases, calamities on land and sea, troubles between capital and labor, anarchism, unrest, etc.

No doubt we are in the beginning of sorrows of which Jesus spoke in Mat. 24. Notice the beginning of sorrows, not the fullness of them. For anti-christ is to come yet with his rule of terror. Famines of such proportions as earth has never known are yet to come, as also earthquakes, and calamities of such terrible-ness as few have any idea nor have the wars reached their climax of greatness either. We are not yet to the darkest part of the scene. Men may build their "air castles," but that which is written will come. Read Isaiah 26:19, 21; Jer. 25; Dan. 12:1; Zeph. 1:15; Zech. 1:1; Matt. 24:21; Luke 21:25-27; Rev. 6:9, 16, and 19.

However, this is no time for God's people to be alarmed, God is with them, He will see them through. But others may fear indeed. The time of their alarm is coming.

Nor is it a time to lose our head and act "silly." We need all the good common sense and wisdom that may possibly be obtained from the God of heaven.

Some seem to be alarmed over the mark of the beast, and act as though they thought that God might let the old monster slip in under cover of darkness, or ignorance and stamp His mark upon them before they know it.

Let us be assured of one thing, my dearly beloved, that whatever the mark of the beast may be, he will not put it upon men until he comes on the scene of action and gets control over the kingdoms of earth as the Bible says he will.

It seems so foolish for Bible readers to say that the mark of the beast is some little doctrine or teaching or notion of men, when the Bible plainly says that it is a mark put in their right hand or in their foreheads, a mark that will be visible to all.

That mark means allegiance to the beast, the anti-christ, his government, his religion and all. It means the strictest worship of the beast, or anti-christ himself, and of his image also. Read Rev. 13 chapter.

The faithful bride will be taken up before this scene on the scene of

action. From the reading of the Scriptures we infer that there will be great numbers of men who will turn to God, however, even in these terrible times. But none who have first received the mark of the beast may do so, this seals their doom. Rev. 14:9-10.

No doubt the placing of the mark on the ordinary man of that day will be a very easy and common-place performance on the part of the beast and his high officials, but God will have a way to make known to those who would follow Him the dangers and awful consequences connected with the mark of the beast.

So far as the food laws and certain regulations of our government with regard to the proper distribution and conservation of food supplies today, being connected with the mark of the beast, we can see no connection between them. These regulations have absolutely nothing to do with whether you are a Christian, Mohammedan or Jew, but merely with what you eat. You can worship what you please so far as the government is concerned.

But when the mark of the beast is given, it includes, religious worship, politics, commerce and all.

In the present trying times our government is doing what they deem best for the people in general, both at home and the army at the front, and if we do not believe in war it is not good policy to take a hostile attitude in any of these things. There is surely nothing to be gained by such a course. God will take care of His own. Put your hand in His and keep your eye steadily fixed upon Him, He will take care of you.

We need to live very close to God in these days of severe trials. The greatest degree of wisdom possible is needed to enable us to keep on our way doing our best for God and the souls Jesus died to redeem.

This wisdom can be gotten no where else but from God, and if we get it from Him we shall have to keep in very close touch with Him. Few are near enough that God may lead and direct them in all things, yet God has said, "As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

Can it be that God will give us this deep spiritual understanding that we so much need at this time if we are full of harshness, criticism and condemnation for others to whom we owe love, patience and Christian kindness? The holy anointing oil of old was not to be poured upon man's flesh, and so today if we would have the mighty anointing of God upon us we must get delivered from the works of the flesh. The carnal mind, the body of sin, the old man must be crucified, and so dead that it will never revive again.

We feel that it is time to heed the admonition given by Jesus in Luke 21, where He said, "Watch ye therefore and pray always that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man."

Home Mission Receipts.

Members of the church,	
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Church, West Palm Beach Fla.,	4 53
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" Shrewsbury, W. Va.,	0 70
S. S. Haworth, Temple, Okla.,	5 00
Church, Erastus, N. C.,	1 00

Kinsers Tabernacle, Tenn.,	0 60
" Colcord, W. Va.,	1 10
" Texas Valley, Ga.,	1 27
" Cleveland, Tenn.,	6 21
Mrs. C. F. Broyles, Afton, Tenn.,	1 00
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" Copperhill, Tenn.,	4 60
" Atlanta, Ga.,	5 76
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" Tarpon Springs, Fla.,	1 00
" Hiwassee, Tenn.,	1 10
" Ft. Myers, Fla.,	8 60
" Rumsey, Ky.,	8 15
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James J. North, East Bernstadt, Ky.,	10 00
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" Sunburst, N. C.,	3 00
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" Garrison, W. Va.,	2 35
" Sale Creek, Tenn.,	1 15
" Bell Mills, Ala.,	2 10
" Valdosta, Ga.,	0 40
" Cohutta Springs, Ga.,	1 00
" Friendship, Miss.,	4 80
Jennie E. Dillon, Tampa, Fla.,	1 00
Church, Empire, Ala.,	1 34
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" Wimauma, Fla.,	1 50
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" Sobel, Tenn.,	2 60
" Atlanta, Ga.,	18 25
" McMinnville, Tenn.,	3 67
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" Gastonia, N. C.,	9 00
" Walhalla, S. C.,	2 75
" Knoxville, Tenn.,	6 00
" Abbeville, Ga.,	2 71
" Kentwood, La.,	2 82
Kate Jarvis, Beltonia, Ala.,	0 10
Ida Wyatt, LaFayette, Ga.,	0 50
Church, Miami, Fla.,	9 94
" Wimauma, Fla.,	7 00
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" Lenoir City, Tenn.,	1 00
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Church, Morristown, Tenn.,	2 00
" Pittsburg, Ga.,	1 50
" Wall Chapel, Ala.,	2 20
" Tarpon Springs, Fla.,	3 40
" Largo, Fla.,	16 30
" Parkersburg, W. Va.,	3 12
" Segundo, Colorado,	1 92
" Springville, Ala.,	0 52
" Millport, Ky.,	4 00
" LaFollette, Tenn.,	1 20
" Carmi, Ill.,	5 20
" Ft. Myers, Fla.,	5 50
W. A. Brawner, Maitland, Fla.,	1 00
Church, Spring Place, Ga.,	2 31
" Liverwort, Tenn.,	1 96
Mrs. L. E. Alfred, Canal Zone,	1 00

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The title describes the contents of the book. This book contains information that, if read, will no doubt be a blessing to our people at this time. Single copy, post paid \$1.35. Order of EVANGEL OFFICE

Branford, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson: I am praising God this morning for salvation and for the wonderful way He manifests Himself to His people.

Last Saturday night while at prayer meeting one of the sisters played a funeral march under the power of God. Oh, it was sad and yet so sweet! I told several present that it was a funeral march and that surely God must be going to take some one present.

It was not for us to know then, but on Tuesday the little five-year-old daughter of Brother and Sister J. M. Bradley was snatched away. She was almost instantly killed by a rifle in the hands of her little brother. The grief of the parents is oh, so great, but they have the blessed assurance that she is waiting with Jesus and the angels till the time when we shall meet again. Blessed thought!

May God bless all the saints, especially the dear boys in the training camps. Boys, it seems hard for you to go yet I think Jesus wants you there to help those who don't know God. Do not fail to hold up the banner for Jesus; He is going to bless you.

Ethel Slocum.

Testimony.

Dear Evangel Readers: I am praising God for the plan of salvation. I praise Him for the way of holiness. "And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called the way of holiness." Praise the Lord for the blood of Jesus that takes away all sin!

When I realized my condition, saw that I was going down to destruction, Jesus stood ready to rescue me and by His love lifted me out of sin and darkness and brought me into this marvelous light.

Up to that time I had found pleasure in reading novels, attending picture shows, the dance hall and all kinds of worldly amusements; but praise God, I find pleasure now in prayer meetings, religious services of every kind and in reading my Bible. Oh, I feel like going all the way to the city not made with hands. I am watching the signs of our Lord's return as they are fast appearing. When Jesus comes He will claim His own and I want to be ready to go out to meet Him. I want to have my lamp trimmed and burning. I want to do just what God wants me to do and be a soul winner for Him.

Your sister,
Mrs. Pearl Smith.

Oppy, Ky.

Dear Brother Tomlinson: I am glad to say I am still trusting the blessed Lord for all. Wife and I have come to this place to do all we can for the

Lord. We are in the great warfare between righteousness and unrighteousness. I know I am but little force in such as this, but every one that can say any thing for Jesus may be a help. By our daily walk we may win some few for our King.

There are many different ranks in this army. We can't all be captains. I feel that I am as a little drummer boy, but it is needful to have all these little fellows as well as those of higher rank. It takes all to win this battle.

This is a wicked place. I request the prayers of all the saints that we may have success in winning souls for God. I do thank God for opening the way for us to get here and for the kindness shown us. We have had some good prayer meetings and some have been convinced of the truth.

God bless you all. Remember us in prayer.

Your brother in Christ,
S. O. Luther.

Whitestone, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson: While I was thinking today of how "the gospel must be preached to all nations for a witness," the dear Evangel came to me. Tears filled my eyes and I could hardly read for crying over the good news that it brought.

As we know the Evangel is carrying the gospel to people that would never hear it otherwise, why not every one help send it to those people. I often find myself referring to the Evangel as a person, and indeed it is greater. It helped me out when I was a backslider. Oh, how I would ponder over the pages, cry and plead with God to restore me.

Today I mailed the roll you sent me to doctors, merchants, postmasters, saints and sinners. As I sent them off I asked God to make them a blessing to the readers.

I am wanting to be for God what He wants me to be. Today while I was reading the Evangel as stated above, tears came so freely that my wife asked me what was the matter. She then exclaimed that she longed to be out in the work of the Lord. I don't understand God's ways yet, but I do feel some strange movements ahead. Just what it is I do not know, however, I am His.

I shall ask my friends whom I know personally, with all others, to pray to the end stated in paragraph above.

God bless you all.
Will Chester.

Evansville, Ind.

Dear Brother Tomlinson: We have had Brother C. T. Adams, of Louisville, Ky., holding a two weeks meeting for us and the Lord met us in mighty power. Many souls were saved and the saints drawn closer together. Many saw the light on the Church of God. Many sick were healed. Other missions came in and worshiped with us. I believe it will only be a short time until all the saints in this city will be drawn together. Brother Gillaspie, of Olney, Ill., was with us a week.

We feel that the Church of God will take a new start in growth in this city. We ask all the saints to pray for us for we surely need help from above.

We are looking for the Lord's appearing soon.

Your brother,
John Johns.

Macon, Ga.

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W. W. Rush.

Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson: I thank God for our Sunday school here; it is teaching me more about Jesus. And I thank God for Brothers Lemons, Halk, Middlebrook, Daniel and all the blood-washed saints here. I am so thankful that God let me live in this age to see His glory shed abroad.

I feel the least of all because I wasted all my life in the world. But I am so glad I found Jesus. I found Him at the cross. I am going all the way with Him. My home is happy; my children are well. They love to hear their mother pray. How sad is a home without Jesus!

Milligan Mate.

Cruden's Concordance Complete

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Augusta, Ga.

Dear Evangel Readers: There is a good church here and the people love the truth.

We need some good workers in this district—workers who are straight and clean. This is a large district and there are plenty of openings where the gospel is wanted. The Lord is already blessing and people are getting saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost.

S. A. Whitman,
District overseer.

Armthwaite, Tenn.

Dear Editor and Evangel Readers—Greetings in the Name of our Blessed Lord and Coming King!

I want to sound a note of praise to God through the Evangel for His goodness to me. I am still under the blood and my eyes are on the skies from whence I expect to soon see the glorious appearing of our Lord. Hallelujah! Glory to Jesus!

The saints are on fire for God regardless of the works of the enemy. God's work still stands. At our last service one received the baptism with the Holy Ghost. Praise the Lord!

I humbly beg your prayers that I shall ever live true to Jesus and be in the center of His holy will.

Yours in His keeping,
Belle Buck.

Arley, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson: I am praising God for victory. I know it means something to really have the victory in my soul.

As I read the Evangel with its pages covered with bright testimonies and sermons my soul is thrilled with joy. It is like being in a meeting with these dear ones.

Brother Tomlinson, I see what the Evangel is doing. I have been in homes when the paper would come and all of the family would be so anxious to read it they would rush to get it. Seeing this causes me to want to do more for the paper.

I am glad that as I write this I can feel the love of God burning in my soul. Pray for me that I may stay close to Jesus and do all I can for Him.

Your brother,
Otis McCoy.

Buhl, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson: I praise the Lord for full salvation in my soul. Glory to God! I am still under the precious blood of Jesus.

I praise God for the way He is working here at Buhl. I praise Him for giving us Brother Z. D. Simpson again. When he came he began to wake things up and put the saints to work and they were soon on fire for God.

We certainly had a good meeting Saturday night and Sunday. Many were healed.

We are looking for the coming of Jesus. O that joyful time! I want to be ready to meet Him. I feel the Pentecostal fire burning in my soul.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. J. E. Beck.

THE LAST DAYS.

I. H. MARKS

That we are living in the last days no one can deny; that the signs which herald the coming of our King are appearing is evident because we see them spoken of in God's Word. Let us notice briefly just a few.

In Mat. 24:37 Jesus said: "But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Let us notice some things that took place in the days of Noe.

1. It was an age of invention, arts and accomplishments. In Gen. 4:21,22 we have a record of Jubal who was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ, and Tubal-cain an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron. Men began to turn their attention to these things and forgot God.

How true it is that the same state of affairs exists today! When in history has there been such rapid strides in the perfection of machinery, commercial and agricultural. Men are putting forth every effort, using all means at their command in utilizing things God put here for the good and comfort of man, in perfecting some mighty instrument of destruction—the airship, the submarine and other inventions—thus forgetting God and His command—thou shalt not kill. Truly it is the time of the end.

2. It was an age of unbelief; they knew not until the flood came and took them away. They were so taken up with the affairs of this world until good old Noah's preaching couldn't touch them. Today, if you want men to listen, do not begin to tell them about Jesus coming back to earth. Tell them about one of Mr. Edison's inventions or something along that line and you will surely get their attention.

3. It was an age of sensualism. They took their wives of all whom they chose.

St. Paul declares that in the last days men will be incontinent. There never was a time when virtue and honor were so cheap as they are now. Through ungodly lust men marry; in a short time there is a divorce case in the courts. Some mother's girl is humiliated and cast off as a worn garment and the man is ready for another venture in matrimony. It is said that in one county alone, divorce cases number over 15000 every year.

4. It was an age of intemperance. They were eating and drinking. "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." Gen. 6:5. The margin says, "The whole imagination with the purposes and desires of the heart was evil."

Intemperance is not alone an over indulgence in intoxicating liquors, but an over indulgence in anything. Paul said to be temperate in all things. Today people are gone wild in pleasure-seeking; people today are slaves to their passions and appetites, they must be satisfied regardless of anything—lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God.

Paul said: "Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, letting us know they will not stop at 'worse' but they shall wax 'worse and worse' because the purpose and thoughts of the heart are evil and because of this they will not endure sound doctrine.

Truly we are in the time of the end. Even so, come quickly, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Cave-in-Rock, Ill.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

There never was to my knowledge any of the Apostolic faith preached in this county. I have been reading and seeking the true light and without hearing

a sermon I decided that the Church of God is right.

So I went to Eldorado, Ill. and sought the baptism. I was greatly blessed, but did not talk in tongues scarcely any and I have decided that probably I only received sanctification.

Now, we are going to move into another neighborhood and I want a Church of God Sunday school if possible.

Brother Tomlinson, can't you please help me in some way in arranging for us to have a preacher here? We are perfectly willing for a tent meeting to be held on our place to which we are moving. It is a fine location. There are three cross roads leading to three towns near by and all could attend, besides the country people.

Please pray for me that I may speak in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance more as I only spoke a little. My children all speak in tongues.

May the Lord bless you.

Anna Shuffelbarger.

Valdosta, Ga.

My Dear Brother Tomlinson:

May God bless you and all the saints everywhere.

I want to sound a note of praise to my God this morning for the sweet peace I have in my soul. I can report victory.

It has been some time since the little paper heard from me, but I am out in the work doing what I can toward leading men to God. We have two meetings slated, both in Florida. One of them which will be near Live Oak will begin next Sunday and continue until God says it is enough. The next meeting will be at Williston, Fla. and will begin March 24. We have a large tent for that place. Both of these are new places. I want you all to pray that God will set His seal upon the work. My heart goes out for the lost world.

We have just closed a three weeks meeting in Statesville, Ga. The Lord certainly did bless us while there. We had large crowds and good order. Many came for prayer and said they saw the truth as never before.

Please don't forget to pray for me. It always does me good to feel that some one is praying for me. I am sure God will bless us if we pray one for another. Some times while I am praying for Brother Perry, Brothers Payne, Lee, Anderson, Tomlinson, and all the saints, calling their names to God, He always blesses me in my soul.

You who have not tried it, begin to pray right out of the depth of your heart and put before God just what you want Him to do; while you are asking Him to bless others He will always bless you.

Your brother in Jesus,
J. W. Murray.

Duke, N. C.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am still shouting the victory over all sin. I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Praise God for His love to all of us!

I was saved from sin several years ago and I tried to live the best I could. Later on I joined the Freewill Baptist Church as that was the cleanest church I knew of at that time; but praise God! He had a better plan for me. Glory! Glory! About the first of July 1917, Brother G. T. Stargel and the Evans brothers came here and told us about the Church of God. I was sick at the beginning of the meeting and didn't have any opportunity to go; but I heard of how the dear Lord was blessing and saving, sanctifying, baptizing with the Holy Ghost and healing people of diseases. I had been afflicted with a tumor in my right side for nearly eight years and for three years I had been bedridden most of the time. I consulted five physicians who told me that

the knife was the only chance for me to ever be well again.

But praise the name of Jesus! I decided to obey the Bible and call for the elders of the church according to James 5. So I called for Brother Stargel, the Evans brothers and Brother Will Turnage to come and pray for me. They came, prayed for me and anointed me with oil according to St. James; the night following I retired to rest and while I slept the Lord took away the tumor. When I awoke the next morning I found that it was gone. Yes, praise God! I was perfectly healed! Glory to Jesus forever!

Then I began going to the meetings and my soul was fed on the bread of life. I received the light on the Church of God, but I had the snuff habit and didn't think it was so very bad until this winter when Brother Stargel came to be pastor of the church. He preached against the use of tobacco in any form and seeing the evil of it I gave up my snuff and was received into the Church of God. I certainly do love this way. Praise the Lord forever!

We have a happy band of saints here. Brother Stargel is with us preaching the Word. We have no church building; please pray that God will provide one for us.

May God bless His church everywhere!

Your sister in Christ,
Hally-Lucas.

Brooksville, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I have just read the account of the death of dear Brother Buckalew. It filled me with an untold mixture of grief and joy—grief because I had hoped to meet him again once more on earth—joy because I know he has passed from a world of per-ecution and suffering to that place which Jesus went long ago to prepare for him.

About three years ago Brother Buckalew preached holiness in Wauchula, Fla. I happened to pass that way and heard him. Glory to God! I believed the precious Word though I did not at that time receive the blessings he told us about. I have longed ever since to see our dear brother, and I shall see him some day. Glory to Jesus!

Although I could not hear dear Brother Buckalew any more, in July 1917 the Lord sent Brother James Aylor and wife and others who labored faithfully with us several weeks, during which time we, my two daughters and myself, were added to the Church of God. Glory! We have all been saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

We love the dear Evangel and enjoy reading the many good testimonies from the dear saints. We love to pray for and with the dear ones. Please remember us in your prayers.

Your unworthy brother,
Wm. Hamilton.

Af Rest.

One of our dear sisters in Christ, Mrs. Rebekah Smothers of Logan, Ill., departed this life March 6, 1918, after a three months illness. The deceased was seventy-two years of age. She was a faithful member of the M. E. Church for about thirty-five years and last November she saw the light on holiness and received the baptism with the Holy Ghost evidenced by speaking in other tongues. She continued in the faith till the end. During her illness she wanted the saints with her and they remained with her until she died.

She leaves to mourn her loss a son, brother and a host of relatives and friends. The bereaved ones have our sympathy. We expect to meet this dear sister in the Glory land.

A sister,
Mrs. John Beaver.

Tampa, Fla.

Dear Evangel and Saints Everywhere—Grace, Peace and Love be Multiplied Unto You:

My heart is overflowing today with praise and thanksgiving to our God for a wonderful salvation through His Son, and the manifestation of the Holy Ghost. Glory! I feel the fire burning.

Do we stop long enough and often enough to try to praise God for this wonderful glory of the last days? Oh! I want to work, pray and keep close to Him that I may be ready for the midnight cry—"Behold He cometh; go ye out to meet Him!" Hallelujah! My great prayer now and will be for myself and all the dear ones in Christ, is to be awake—wide awake—that we may not be entangled with anything, but be the blessed servants whom the Lord, when He comes, will find watching. Praise God for the privilege of being steadily at work for Him giving the message to lost souls entreating them to turn before it is too late to our God who will abundantly pardon and save.

Since the October camp meeting at Wimauma I have obeyed God and put aside more and more of the flesh that warreth against the Spirit. I have held meetings everywhere I found a place, from house to house. I love the work. I delight to do thy will, O God!

On Jan. 8, 1918, we opened a Church of God mission at 1510 Franklin St. We have been having some precious seasons with God and the saints. God has supplied workers from time to time and all needs as they came. Glory to His name! Saints everywhere can help by sending tracts, papers and as God leads, in all else. We shall be glad to have any song books not in use and above all please remember in prayer this week; it is weak and needs to grow by your help and prayers. We expect God to do much for we stand for the whole Word rightly divided.

In this letter I will stir up the minds of the churches and those sisters who promised bed-ticks for the dormitory at Wimauma camp-ground. I was appointed superintendent of the woman's dormitory, so I ask if you have not already sent them to send at once "made" ticks all ready to be filled with straw. Also remember the mirrors and other articles promised. We ought to send ticks for the men's dormitory, too. Let us do our best. We want everything so convenient that many can come. Direct your packages to Mrs. J. P. Prevatt, Wimauma, Fla.

Let us pray that this May meeting will be the best of all ever held there.

Everything went along so good at last meeting. Perfect love prevailed. Despite the cold every one stayed and it ended in victory. Amen. Be sure to attend the May meeting. Work! Watch! Pray!

I certainly love to read Brother Tomlinson's articles and all the Evangel contains. Work for it, too; help every way we can. Yours, waiting for Jesus and praying for souls,
Rosa B. Murphy.

Moorings Port, La.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and all the Dear Saints of God:

I want to testify for Jesus one time in the "White Winged Messenger." I never can do enough for my blessed Savior.

I lived a life of sin and shame until about April 17, 1917; then the blessed Lord cleansed me and baptized me with the Holy Ghost. Did I speak in tongues? Yes, I did as the Spirit gave utterance.

I am at present about 400 miles from my wife and children working to make the money to pay my debts. I am going to tithe my wages.

I want to ask every saint that reads this to pray a special prayer for my wife's healing. Her health is not good. I know

God is able and willing to heal. She has the Holy Ghost and the gift of tongues.

My people do not believe in my religion, but Mat. 10:38 will show what Jesus says about it.

Thank God for salvation that I can tell the world about! I have ordered some tracts and given them out to the people here and am telling them about Jesus. I want to say like the prophet of old, "Here am I, send me."

Yes, I can say of a truth that Jesus is the Christ I know that I am ready to meet Him in peace. Pray for me, dear friends.

Your brother in Jesus,
Walter Dunaway.

Walhalla, S. C.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Saints Scattered Abroad—Greetings in Jesus' Precious Name:

I am glad to report victory in S. C. The dear Lord is blessing and revealing His church. One lady, a class leader in the Wesleyan Methodist Church, came out to hear me preach and was wonderfully baptized with the Holy Ghost, for I heard her speak with tongues and magnify God. When at the close of the service we gave opportunity for members to unite with the church she and another lady came forward. Hallelujah! There are more yet to come.

I wish to say to the evangelists and workers that S. C. is a ripe field and I do not know of any place more neglected. I earnestly make appeal to the workers to come over and help us. If you have a tent and are looking for a place where the gospel is needed just come over in S. C. and pitch your tent. Most anywhere is a good place for a meeting.

Let us bring South Carolina to the front. She only has two churches now, but thank God, we are expecting to have some more before this year is out.

We hope to be able to reach every nook and corner of this state and establish the Church of God in every county. At present Oconee is the only one having churches. There are thirty-nine counties yet untouched. Is it not time for something to be done? You, of course, answer, "Yes," but will you come?

Yours in the battle for lost souls,

W. H. Cross.



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